



## **St Francis Xavier Parish**

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Fortnightly on Tuesday 7.00pm. Call 0479 163 335

**28th Sunday**  
**in Ordinary**  
**Time**

**9th October**  
**2016**

Embracing the suburbs of Goodna, Bellbird Park, Camira, Carole Park, Collingwood Park, Ellen Grove. Gailes, Kruger, Redbank, Redbank Plains, Wacol and beyond.

### **GOOD NEWS: SHOES IN CHURCH!**

I showered and shaved..... I adjusted my tie. I got there and sat..... In a pew just in time. Bowing my head in prayer..... As I closed my eyes. I saw the shoe of the man next to me..... Touching my own. I sighed.

With plenty of room on either side..... I thought, "Why must our soles touch?" It bothered me, his shoe touching mine... But it didn't bother him much.

A prayer began: "Our Father"..... I thought, "This man with the shoes.. has no pride. They're dusty, worn, and scratched. Even worse, there are holes on the side!" "Thank You for blessings," the prayer went on. The shoe man said..... a quiet "Amen."

I tried to focus on the prayer..... But, my thoughts were on his shoes again. Aren't we supposed to look our best. When walking through that door? "Well, this certainly isn't it," I thought, Glancing toward the floor. Then the prayer was ended..... And the songs of praise began.

The shoe man was certainly loud..... sounding proud as he sang. His voice lifted the rafters..... His hands were raised high. The Lord could surely hear.. The shoe man's voice from the sky. It was time for the offering..... And what I threw in was steep. I watched as the shoe man reached... into his pockets so deep. I saw what was pulled out..... what the shoe man put in. Then I heard a soft "clink" . as when silver hits tin. The sermon really bored me..... Tt tears, and that's no lie. It was the same for the shoe man... For tears fell from his eyes.

At the end of the service..... As is the custom here, we must greet new visitors.. And show them all good cheer. But I felt moved somehow..... and wanted to meet the shoe man. So after the closing prayer..... I reached over and shook his hand. He was old and his skin was dark..... and his hair was truly a mess. But I thanked him for coming..... for being our guest. He said, "My names' Charlie..... I'm glad to meet you, my friend." There were tears in his eyes..... but he had a large, wide grin . "Let me explain," he said..... Wiping tears from his eyes.

"I've been coming here for months.... and you're the first to say 'Hi.'" "I know that my appearance.....is not like all the rest". "But I really do try.....to always look my best."  
"I always clean and polish my shoes.... before my very long walk". "But by the time I get here.....they're dirty and dusty, like chalk."

My heart filled with pain.... and I swallowed to hide my tears. As he continued to apologize .... for daring to sit so near. He said, "When I get here..... I know I must look a sight". "But I thought if I could touch you.. Then maybe our souls might unite." I was silent for a moment..... knowing whatever was said would pale in comparison...

I spoke from my heart, not my head. "Oh, you've touched me," I said....."And taught me, in part; That the best of any man.....is what is found in his heart." The rest, I thought,.....this shoe man will never know... like just how thankful I really am... That his dirty old shoe touched my soul. You are special to me and you have made a difference in my life. I respect you, and truly cherish you.

**MAY OUR CHURCH ALWAYS BE WELCOMING TO THOSE WHO ENTER.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation—Sacramental Preparation.** The final Sacramental Preparation Course for this year covering the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin with a talk for the parents this **Sunday 9th October** after the 9.00am Mass (10.15am). This course is available to those in year 5 and above who have received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist. Application forms are available from the sacristy.

**Date for your Diary** Monday 21st November has been booked for our Parish Christmas Party. Beginning at 10.00am and finishing around 2-00pm. Some children from the School will be performing and we have booked Bob McDowd and his accompanist Kath Hogan. So if you have that Monday free please join us.

**Date Claimer** Saturday 22 October 2016 Our Lady of Fatima-Rosary Bouquet, St Stephen's Cathedral Elizabeth St Brisbane. 10.30 am Rosary; 11.30 Mass, Celebrant Archbishop Coleridge followed by a Procession to Villa Maria Warren St Fortitude Valley.

**On Going Faith Education.** For many people education ceases when they leave formal school, unless their employment requires some formal training. In terms of our relationship with God and growth in our faith, this never ceases, it is a life long journey.

Starting next month, we will be offering Adult Education connected with our faith and practices on Wednesday evenings after the Rosary beginning at 7.15pm. The first series of presentation will be to so with prayer, based on a publication entitled "Beginning Again with Prayer".

Come along and give it a try, it will last no more than an hour and if someone is willing, there could be refreshments.

**Maintenance and Repairs** During the week the majority of the trees in the grounds have had the lower branches trimmed and dead wood removed.

On Monday 10th October work will begin on replacing the existing kitchen in the Parish Centre, the carpet and lino will also be replaced. This work is due to Centacare obtaining a grant from the Government. In the new kitchen we will have a working stove which will be put to good use during our Parish Christmas lunch and will enable Outside School Hours to provide a larger variety of cooking activities.

**Mental Health Week** is this week with Monday 10 October being World Mental Health Day. A Mass will be celebrated on Friday 14 October at 1pm in St Patrick's Church, Fortitude Valley.

In recent years on weekdays part of the grounds of St Patrick's Church in the Valley is used as a commercial car park. However, recently we have been inform that, on special days, the grassed area at the side of the Church will be made available and this area can accommodate quite a number of vehicles.

**menALIVE** The next menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast is from 7am to 9am on Thursday 20th October at Tattersall's Club, 215 Queen St Brisbane.

You can hear local mathematician and entrepreneur Dr Michael Forbes talk on "Maths, Ministry and Marathons". Cos is \$45 per person.

For more details visit [www.menalive.org.au](http://www.menalive.org.au)

For bookings email [des@menalive.org.au](mailto:des@menalive.org.au)

**Humour** Pastor Schultz was walking home from church when he came upon a group of young boys from his congregation circled around a stray dog.

Concerned that the boys were hurting the dog, he stopped and asked "What are you doing with that dog?" "It's a stray," one of the boys said. "We decided whoever can tell the biggest lie will get to keep the dog." "You boys shouldn't be telling lies!" Pastor Schultz exclaimed, "It's a sin to lie," he added. "Why, when I was your age, I never told a lie."

There was dead silence. Finally, the smallest boy sighed and said, "All right, give Pastor Schultz the dog."

## Spirituality for Life



The voice of the Spirit speaking of gratitude, generosity, responsibility and increase



*Each one of you has received a special grace, so, like good stewards responsible for all these varied graces of God, put it out at the service of others.”*  
(1 Peter 4:10)

### 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time.

*“Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?” Luke 17:18*

Most of us live “easy” lives. We have food, shelter and clothing. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn’t this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you. (Accessed on 30th September 2016 from <http://archstl.org/stewardship/page/bulletin-inserts>)

### When was the last time that you said Thank You to someone who did you a favour?

The world seems to say that the most important person is ME—other are put on earth to take care of my needs, to wait on me and tidy up the mess I willingly leave behind as I enjoy life. This totally contrary to the message of the gospel. We need to generate an **“Attitude of Gratitude”**, by which we gratefully give thanks to others, not grudgingly but willingly.

For the next three weeks you will have the opportunity to begin by a simple act. At the doors of the Church you will find two cards. To say thank you to an individual who shares their time and talents with you, complete the Attitude of Gratitude Card and the Thank You Card. Give the Thank You Card to the person and place the completed Attitude Card in the box at the door of Church.

### ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Today, I am grateful for

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and I wasn't to recognize

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for his/her service or contribution to our faith community  
Or to the larger Goodna community.

Attitude of Gratitude Card



St Francis Xavier—Goodna

THANK YOU!

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Thank You Card

Sometimes it is only when we begin to practice and attitude of gratitude, that we begin to realize that many people give of their time, talent and treasure for the benefit of the Church and others. This can result is the individual asking what can give to the Church, the community or individuals?

This is what St Paul wrote in his second letter to the Corinthians:

But remember: anyone who sows sparsely will reap sparsely as well—and anyone who sows generously will reap generously as well. Each one should give as much as he has decided on his own initiative, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for *God loves a cheerful giver*. God is perfectly able to enrich you with every grace, so that you always have enough for every conceivable need, and your resources overflow in all kinds of good work.<sup>9</sup> As scripture says: *To the needy he gave without stint, his uprightness stands firm for ever*. The one who so freely provides *seed for the sower and food to eat* will provide you with ample store of seed for sowing and make *the harvest of your uprightness* a bigger one: you will be rich enough in every way for every kind of generosity that makes people thank God for what we have done. For the help provided by this contribution not only satisfies the needs of God's holy people, but also overflows into widespread thanksgiving to God; because when you have proved your quality by this help, they will give glory to God for the obedience which you show in professing the gospel of Christ, as well as for the generosity of your fellowship towards them and towards all. (2 Cor 9:6-13)

# PARISH NOTICES

## Dates for your Diary



Sun 9th Oct. 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Mon 10th Oct. Divine Mercy prayer Group 6.00pm  
 In English  
 Wed 12th Oct. Rosary Group 6.30pm  
 Sun 16th Oct. 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Collections For Last Week

First	☹	↓	
Second	☺	↑	
	☺	↑	= Income up on last week.
	☹	↓	= Income down
	☺	☐	= Income steady.

**Welcome to our Community!** Have you moved into our parish lately? We would love to hear from you. Please give the Parish Office a call on 3818 0111. If you call at the information point after Mass, a member of the Parish Council will give you a welcome and information pack. We hope that you will enjoy your time in the parish and join in our activities.



**For the Sick and housebound.** If you know of anyone who is sick or housebound and would like a visit from a priest or to receive Holy Communion, please let the parish office know and a visit can be arranged.

## 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2Kg 5:14-17, 2 Tim 2:8-13; Lk 17:11-19

Psalm: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

## 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13; 2 Tim 3:14—4:2; Lk 18:1-8



### Services times this week:

Saturday	Vigil Mass 6.00pm
Sunday	7.30am Mass
	9.00am Mass

### Weekdays

Monday	No Mass
Tuesday	9.00am Mass
Wednesday	9.00am Mass
Thursday	9.00am Mass
Friday	9.00am Mass
Saturday	6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sunday	7.30am & 9.00am

**Reconciliation** Sat 5.00 – 5.30pm

### Cleaning: 14th Oct. Mitch & Pam

If you would like to help out on this roster, please contact Pam Dodrill on 3288 4594. (Roster approximately once every eight weeks) The current Roster is available from the Sacristy. If you cannot honour your commitment please let Pam know.

### We Pray for the Sick:

Audrey Congreve, Colin Jackson, Sr Helen Stanley, Breda O'Sullivan, Ellen Parker, Rose Logan, Edna May Tourney, Keith Auld, Kathy McMonagle, Kevin Ward, Matthew Berwick, John Ward, Allan Peterson, Kathleen Doherty. Rachel Scriben, Stan Brown, Carmon Z, Nancy McCarrick, Kath McGrath, Maria Vink, Claire Curry, Phil O'Dwyer, William Ryan, Hudson McHardy, Hini Habchi, Jamie Teal, Jaiden Madasferi, Maureen Shackleton, Macey Ingham, Nada Payne, Carmel Vig, Rebecca Habraken, Sr Carmel, Wendy Marshall, Eileen Monaghan, Marge & Tom Robins, Neil Ham. (Some names have been removed from this list, so please contact us if you need these names back on. If you know someone who can come off the sick list please contact us)

### Anniversaries: 9-15 Oct.

Wally Jasiiecki, Robert Aitken, Mary Marshall, Brooklyn Reese, Joan McDermid, Josephine Steflicek, John Fryars, Ron Rice, Pauline Apps, Brenda Thompson, Vincent McKenna, Winifred Doherty, Evelyn Mackel, Vincent McKenna, Eleanor Grainger, Harold Zeilinski, Tom Flannery, Colin Murphy, Peter Kozak, Luka Falanko, Alan Gallop, Barbara Allison, Frank Peters, Gregory Josey.

## LOOP SYSTEM



The church Sound System at St Francis Xavier's is fitted with a Loop System. If you wear a hearing-aid set the control to the "T" setting to obtain a clear sound.

**A gift in your Will** can provide support for the many ministries of your Parish and ensure a legacy of faith for future generations. A gift in your will is a wonderful way to express your Catholic faith. After you have provided for your loved ones, please consider a lasting memory to your parish. Booklets available from Parish Office.



Newsletters by Email.

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